

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP / MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009**

The monthly workshop of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI, on Monday, June 8, 2009. The Chairperson, Paul Silva, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:07 PM.

Present:

Paul Silva, Chair, Paul E. Brule, Vice-Chair, Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary, William M. O'Dell, Treasurer, Denise R. Arsenault, John C. Bento, Diana B. Campbell, Karen A. Lynch and John P. Saviano; Edward P. Mara, Ed.D., Superintendent; Melinda L. Thies, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction; and Jane F. Correia, Director of Administration and Finance

Absent: none

OPENING BUSINESS

All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ACCOLADES

Each year the Bristol County Water Authority holds a Water Conservation Poster and Essay Contest. This year we had two essay and four poster contest winners! First place winners receive a \$100 savings bond and second place winners receive a \$50 savings bond from the Water Authority. Congratulations to:

Essay winners: Ava Grace Mascena -- 1st Place for Grade 8

Harsha Kumar -- 1st Place for Grade 9

Poster winners: Zachary Pacheco -- 1st Place for Grade 1

Charlotte Nadalin -- 2nd Place for Grade 1

Hannah Teixeira -- 1st Place for Grade 2

Kasey Botelho -- 2nd Place for Grade 2

Mt. Hope High School has the right to boast another State Championship Team. Under the direction of Head Coach Scot Clark and the 4th seed Boys Lacrosse Team beat the 2nd seed Mt. Saint Charles team to capture the 2009 Division II State Championship. We congratulate team members:

Nilton Alves Gian DiMezza Karsten Moritz

Nathan Avedissian Colin Donahue Theo Moskala

Jon Belmore Christopher Dugan Nicholas Motta

Aaron Booth Christopher Ferreira Tyler Murgio

Austin Carreiro Ryan Kuehl James Olson

Tyler Carreiro Scott MacGovern Michael Popham

Benjamin Choquette Anthony Marabello Nicholas Salzano

Alex Copeland Richard Marshall William Sullivan

Michael Cordeiro James McCallum Jonathan Teixeira

Spencer Dennis Dylan Micheletti Alan Williams

William DeRiso

Our Special Mt. Hope Students made an outstanding showing at the Rhode Island Special Olympics again this year winning several gold, silver and bronze medals.

We congratulate:

Lowell Cabral - Silver in the 50 meter dash and Bronze in the softball throw

Connor Devin - Gold in the 100 meter dash and Bronze in the 200 meter dash

Jaquelyn Doyle - Gold in the 50 meter dash and Silver in the softball throw

Harry Emery - Gold in the 50 meter dash and 4th in the softball throw

Taikwan Francis - Gold in both the 50 meter and 100 meter dashes

Zelinna Garcia - Gold in the softball throw and Bronze in the 50 meter dash

Tommy Lake - Silver in both the 50 meter dash and softball throw

Ryan Miranda - Silver in the 200 meter dash and Bronze in the 100 meter dash

Marina Temple - Silver in both the 50 meter and 100 meter dashes

The Principal of Mt. Hope High School asked that the School Committee give special recognition to one of Mt. Hope's seniors. "This student voluntarily served in the role of MHHS Webmaster this school year and did an absolutely tremendous job both revising our website and keeping it current. He is Senior Class President and an all-around superlative student and person." The School Committee is happy to oblige in recognizing Geoff Keegan.

The School Committee would like to acknowledge the services of the two students who videotaped the meetings this year – both are seniors and will be attending Rhode Island College in the fall. We thank Geoff Keegan and Jon Kmiecik.

Retirees

James Barnaby, Arthur Bazinet, Rosia Beaulieu, Carol Bucolo, Mary Cerullo, Judith Colaluca, Fernando DaSilveira, Carole Donahue, Phyllis Glavin, Charlene Grimo, Nicholas Hunt, Margaret Mello, Diane Morris, Elizabeth Penkala, Paula Richards-Sousa, Gayle Salamon, Antonio Teixeira and Vanthia Vouros-Chase

Teachers of the Year

Colt Andrews Lynne Ramos

Guiteras Tina Hyllested

Hugh Cole Joy Richardson

Kickemuit James Hagan

Mt. Hope Lois Kemp

Rockwell Carol Cappadona

DISTRICT JAMES HAGAN

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC FORUM

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:31 PM

In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. O'Dell motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:31 PM for discussion of contractual issues. Mrs. Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Silva said the Committee will not take any action during Executive Session.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 8:11 PM

In Executive Session, the Committee discussed contractual issues.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

BUDGET/ FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. O'Dell reported the next meeting is a week from tonight, 6:00 PM in the Superintendent's office; he and Mrs. Correia will be making a few changes to the agenda format; any requests for agenda items should be brought to him no later than the Wednesday night prior to the meeting.

POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mrs. Campbell had nothing new to report.

PERSONNEL/CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Saviano will report on the Council 94 contract in Executive Session.

FUTURE ENROLLMENT AND FACILITIES TASK FORCE

Mrs. Lynch said their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 6:00 PM in the Oliver Administration Building Conference Room.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation #S2009-28: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the Personnel/ Contract Negotiations Subcommittee, approve the resolution submitted for the Superintendent's and the Director of Administration and Finance's contract extensions.

MOTION: Mr. O'Dell motioned to approve; Mrs. Lynch seconded.

The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 1 with Mrs. McBride voting no.

Recommendation #S2009-29: Personnel

A. RESIGNATIONS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations of Edward P. Mara from the position of Superintendent of Schools and Jane F. Correia from the position of Director of Administration and Finance as listed below:

1. Edward P. Mara Superintendent of Schools

Effective: December 28, 2009

Reason: Retirement

2. Jane F. Correia Director of Administration and Finance

Effective: December 28, 2009

Reason: Retirement

MOTION: Mr. Saviano motioned to approve; Mr. O'Dell seconded.

Mrs. Campbell stated these people will be sorely missed; she appreciates the work they have done for the District academically; she is glad they are not leaving for another six months. Mr. O'Dell commented that Mrs. Correia has been by his side and he will miss her "like crazy"; he has a lot of fear and intrepidation for the Joint Finance process coming in March. Mr. Silva said that he has been here longer than both Dr. Mara and Mrs. Correia; Mrs. Correia came when the District was at it lowest point and guided us to make us fiscally sound; our relationship with Joint Finance has gone from extreme adversaries to cordial; she has made us proud and respected and he thanked Mrs. Correia. As for Dr. Mara, finances were handled under his oversight; Mr. Silva watched this District be brought to one that is emulated by others; he wishes them both the best of luck and they can reconsider because December 28 is six months away. Mrs. Arsenault thanked Dr. Mara and Mrs. Correia for their open door policy and for the respect they have shown the Committee and the students; she said they are courageous and thanked them for walking the walk they do every day. Mrs. McBride thanked them for being her friend.

The motion to approve passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Recommendation #S2009-30: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and supported by the

Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, award the bid for carpet replacement in the high school library, middle school library and middle school band room.

MOTION: Mr. O'Dell motioned to approve; Mrs. McBride seconded. The recommended bid came in at \$31,500 from McGovern's in Bristol; the District staff will repair the east hallway of Kickemuit with tile. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 8:21 PM

In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mrs. Lynch motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:21 PM for discussion of the Council 94 contract. Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Silva said the Committee will not take any action during Executive Session and he will recuse himself from this discussion.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 9:27 PM

In Executive Session, the Committee discussed the Council 94 contract. No action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:28 PM

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Campbell motioned to adjourn at 9:28 PM. Mr. Brule seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary

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